



Attorney Docket No. 24020-A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KEREM

Serial No: 09/871,809

Examiner: C. Kam

Filed: July 5, 2000

Art Unit: 1653

For: CONTROL OF GENE EXPRESSION

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated September 4, 2002. The three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire December 4, 2002. Accordingly, a Petition for Two-Month Extension of time is submitted herewith extending the period for reply to February 4, 2003.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated in Appendices C and D submitted herewith. Appendix C is a marked-up copy of the amended specification and Appendix D is a clean copy of the amended specification.

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